



Remembering the Enterprise Legacy

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On the morning of June 4, 1942 USS Enterprise (CV-6) steamed full power to a battle that had begun many hours before on Midway Island in the Pacific Ocean between Admiral Isoroku Yamamoto aboard his flagship the Akagi and Admiral Chester Nimitz of the US Pacific Fleet. Enterprise's mission was clear; to defend Midway Island, and disrupt Admiral Yamamoto's forces.

Enterprise, often referred to as the "Big E", was flagship of Task Force-16, which consisted of the USS Hornet (CV-8), five Heavy Cruisers, one Light Cruiser and nine Destroyers. Her enemy's main forces consisted of four Carriers, two Battleships, two Heavy Cruisers, one Light Cruiser and 11 Destroyers.

Enterprise's first target was the Japanese Aircraft Carrier Kaga, sending her pilots from VT-6 under the command of Lcdr. Eugene Lindsey. Unfortunately, only two planes returned.

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Photo by MC3(SW) Tracey Whitley

USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Commanding Officer Capt. Ron Horton gives a speech to the newly frocked Petty Officers after a frocking ceremony held on the flight deck.

Sailors Advance, Gain New Responsibilities

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On June 9, 94 3rd-Class Petty Officers were frocked onboard USS Enterprise (CVN-65) on the flight deck. Additionally, on June 2, 25 1st-Class Petty Officers and 78 2nd-Class Petty Officers were frocked as well.

These Sailors have now stepped up to a

new level of leadership, proving that studying and hard work always helps advancement.

"Advancement is really what you put into it," said Legalman 1st-Class Wayne Baker, one of the frockees. "If you study, you can make it, if you put forth the effort."

Baker reenlisted for the first time last December, and was originally a Boatswain's Mate before cross-rating to Legalman.

Studying is paramount. "I studied like crazy to advance," said Baker. "My best advice if you want to advance is to study directly off the bibliography. If you do that,

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Weekly Forecast

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Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
T-storms 87°	T-storms 84°	Partly Cloudy 79°	Partly Cloudy 83°	T-storms 83°	T-storms 85°	T-storms 84°

Navy Authorizes Extra Award Points for Sailors Supporting Global Ops

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The Navy announced plans June 3 to increase the maximum number of award points authorized when computing the final multiple on Navy-wide advancement exams for Sailors with in-theater service as outlined in NAVADMIN 167/09.

"Since the earliest stages of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the performance and advancement results of Sailors have been monitored to ensure that in-theater service does not disadvantage Sailors. Where warranted by the data, policy adjustments have been implemented to counter in-theater advancement challenges," said Vice Adm. Mark Ferguson, chief of naval personnel, in the message.

"This action is intended to prevent the exclusion of in-theater award points for those Sailors who currently have the maximum award points for their pay grade," said Ferguson.

The new policy takes effect in

August for Reserve advancement cycle 085 and September for the active-duty advancement cycle 204.

Sailors who have served more than 90 consecutive days in Iraq, Afghanistan, the Horn of Africa, Kuwait, Guantanamo Bay, Joint Task Force 515, or Joint Force Special Task Force-Philippines after Oct. 24, 2001 are authorized a two-point increase to the maximum award points authorized.

This increases the maximum number of award points to 12 for E-4 and E-5 candidates and 14 points for E-6 candidates.

"There are a lot of [hospital] corpsmen who miss it by half a point. So, any help is appreciated," said Hospital Corpsman 2nd Class (FMF) Adrian Evans, assigned to Navy Branch Health Clinic aboard Naval Support Activity Mid-South.

Evans completed two deployments to Iraq as a platoon corpsman for the 2nd Marine Division Fleet Marine Force. With his prior awards and a recent Navy Achievement Medal, Evans is

maxed out on award points, but, the new policy will allow him to get credit for his overseas contingency service on his next advancement exam.

In addition to extra award points for exams, the Navy has offered Sailors other advancement incentives for serving in-theater.

According to NAVADMIN 276/08 all chief petty officer and limited duty officer candidates who are eligible, meet the requirements and have the commanding officer's approval are waived from the advancement examinations while serving in-theater.

NAVADMIN 077/05 explains how Sailors can earn accelerated advancement through the Combat Meritorious Advancement Program. In order to qualify for the program, Sailors must currently be in pay grades E1 through E5. The program is not authorized to promote Sailors to E7 or above.

"When you compare the time and environment a non-operational corpsman gets to study versus an operational corpsman, anything extra helps," said Evans.



June 12

CVN-65 Indoor Go-Karting event.
3 races, pizza, and games for \$15.
Sign up at the MWR ticket window.

June 13

MWR Overnight Whitewater Rafting

Trip to New River, WV. \$75.
Sign up at the MWR ticket window.

June 14

CVN-65 Bowling Program. Show
your shipyard badge at Pierside
Lanes and get 3 free games.

June 16

New York Dolls perform @ the
Norva @ 2000. Visit www.the-norva.com FMI.



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Ship's Store Note

The ship's store will be closed for inventory 18 and 19 June. Vending machines will be secured for inventory on 19 June and turned back on upon completion of inventory.

Media Note

The Print Shop will be undergoing renovations 15-26 June in order to improve capability and customer service. Departments are asked to submit print job requests now to ensure their needs are met as the renovation takes place.

First Aid Training

310 Advanced First Aid Training will be held in Main Medical onboard the ship at 1300 every Thursday. If you have more than 10 personnel that need this training e-mail HM2 Shields to schedule a time for training in the afternoon.

Damage Control Training

DC Training schedule is as follows:

1-Series Lockers:
Tuesdays from 1200-1300.

7-Series Lockers:
Wednesdays from 0900-1000.

Repair Lockers 4 & 5:
Thursdays 1130-1230.

Repair Lockers 2 & 3:
Fridays 0900-1000.

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you will increase your chances greatly."

Other factors besides studying also help greatly. "I attribute my advancement to having a Bachelors Degree and an Early Promote Eval," said Electronics Technician 2nd-Class (SW/AW) Kristan Fries. "The First Class Association held Basic Military Requirement study sessions, which helps, but you, the individual are ultimately responsible for your advancement by working for a good eval and studying for the test."

The flight deck ceremonies were led by Capt. Ron Horton, Enterprise's Command-

ing Officer, who proudly shook the hands of the frockees and gave them their frocking letters.



Photo by MC3(SW) Tracey Whitley

USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Commanding Officer, Capt. Ron Horton congratulates Operations Specialist 2nd Class Corinne Root on her advancement during a frocking ceremony held on the flight deck.

"I thought it was a very nice ceremony," said Baker. "Advancement is a big deal, and I think it's good to see that the command respects that."

Any Sailors looking to advance need to look no further for help than those they work with. They usually have very good advice.

"Work hard, get your qualifications, get an Early Promote, and study," said Fries.

In the end, advancing will improve your Navy career greatly, bring-

ing new levels of leadership and authority, making you a more rounded Sailor.

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Their sacrifices would not be in vain when Scouting Squadron 6 and Bombing Squadron 6 led by Lcdr. Clarence McCluskey followed the Japanese Destroyer Arashii into the heart of its fleet and dropped 1,000 pound bombs on the Akagi and the Kaga.

By the early evening both ships were abandoned and sinking. The following day, after the retreat of the USS Yorktown (CV-5), Enterprise Sailors and Airmen worked hard scoring critical blows to the heavy cruisers Mikuma and Mogami.

By the end of June 6th, Admiral Ya-

mamoto retired his fleet. He had lost four heavy carriers, one heavy cruiser, 100 pilots, 3,400 sailors, three carrier skippers, and a carrier admiral.

U.S. forces lost the USS Yorktown, the USS Hammann (DD-412), and approximately 145 aircraft.

Enterprise and her strike group had dealt a decisive blow to the Japanese that would turn the tide for the battle of dominance in the South Pacific during World War 2. Enterprise would become the most decorated warship of U.S. history and she still holds that title today.

Enterprise Happenings



Photo by MC3 Jeffrey Willadsen

Aviation Support Equipment Technician 2nd Class Akili Thompson stands guard duty on the flight deck of the USS Enterprise (CVN-65).



Photo by MC3 Devonte Jones

Storekeeper Seaman Apprentice Kevin Allison (left) assists Aviation Ordnanceman 3rd Class Larry Idefonso with purchasing a ticket at the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) window on the aft mess decks.



Photo by MC3 Stacy D. Laseter

USS Enterprise (CVN-65) Command Master Chief Dominic Musso gives a speech during the Senior Chief pinning ceremony held at Naval Station Norfolk on Monday June 8.



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